



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0399

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0399

On 11/04/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. In line with the legal recognition of ethical veganism as a protected philosophical belief under the Equality Act 2010 since January 2020, and in the context of veganphobia or hate against vegans, please provide the number of incidents logged in your force of hate crime where it is mentioned that the victims or complainants were vegan, for 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that a search of the crime recording system has been conducted for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2023.

A filter has then been applied to identify records where a hate crime tag has been added and then a further filter has been applied to identify records of the hate crime strand of Alternative Subcultures this has resulted in 83 crimes reported.

A manual review of the MOs has been conducted to identify any records where it is mentioned that the victim or complainant were Vegan. The results are as follows:

1. There has been 1 recorded crime where the victim has mentioned to be vegan.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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